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SUBJECT: VISIT OF WEST GERMAN POLITICAL LEADER HORST EHMKE

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED:  
1. DR. HORST EHMKE, LEADING GERMAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY  
MEMBER AND CONFIDANT OF FORMER CHANCELLOR BRANDT, VISITED  
CYPRUS DECEMBER 24-JANUARY 5 AS OFFICIAL GUEST OF ARCHBISHOP  
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MAKARIOS. VISIT WAS BILLED AS A FACT-FINDING MISSION. LOCAL  
PRESS TREATED VISIT RATHER PROMINENTLY, NOTING AMONG OTHER  
THINGS THAT HE WOULD BE SUBMITTING REPORT BOTH TO EEC AND  
TO HIS "CLOSE FRIEND" SECRETARY-DESIGNATE VANCE AND THAT  
HIS VISIT FALLS "WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF BACKSTAGE EFFORTS TO  
PROMOTE A SETTLEMENT."

2. EHMKE CALLED ON VIRTUALLY ALL POLITICAL FIGURES IN GREEK COMMUNITY. FOLLOWING SEPARATE CALLS ON MAKARIOS AND CLERIDES DEC 27, EHMKE TOURED REFUGEE CAMPS, CALLED ON MINISTER OF LABOR SPANOS (TO DISCUSS HOUSING AND REFUGEE REHABILITATION PROBLEMS), FOREIGN MINISTER CHRISTOPHIDES, ATTORNEY GENERAL TORNARITIS, GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR PAPADOPOULOS, EDEK LEADER LYSSARIDES, HOUSE PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU, AND FINANCE MINISTER PATSALIDES. ON TURKISH SIDE, EHMKE MET TWICE WITH DENKTASH AND WAS TAKEN ON TOUR OF ORMOPHITA (TURKISH SUBURB OF NICOSIA WHICH GREEKS SEIZED IN 1963 INTERCOMMUNAL FIGHTING, CREATING CLAIMED 6,000 TURKISH REFUGEES). EHMKE ALSO MET WITH TURKISH AMBASSADOR ONHON, TURK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR ONAN, AS WELL AS WITH UNSYG SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE PEREZ DE CUELLAR AND OTHER UNFICYP OFFICIALS. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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3. EHMKE CREATED, TO SAY THE LEAST, AN AMBIGUOUS IMPRESSION IN CYPRUS. ACCORDING TO FRG AMBASSADOR PAGENSTERT, HE ARRIVED WITH LITTLE BACKGROUND ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM OTHER THAN WHAT HAD RUBBED OFF FROM HIS FRIENDSHIPS WITH MAINLAND GREEK OPPONENTS OF THE JUNTA. HE LEFT, AGAIN IN THE WORDS OF THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR, "STILL CONFUSED, BUT ON A MORE SOPHISTICATED LEVEL." OTHER WITH WHOM HE MET HAVE UNCHARITABLY REFERRED TO HIM AS HAVING BEEN "BRAINWASHED" BY MAKARIOS. CERTAINLY IN HIS CONVERSATIONS HE APPEARED TO ACCEPT THE SINCERITY OF THE ARCHBISHOP'S INTEREST IN NEGOTIATION AND BELIEF THAT 1977 WILL BE THE YEAR OF DECISION FOR CYPRUS.

4. CONVERSELY, AND DESPITE TWO LONG MEETINGS, EHMKE DID NOT  
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HIT IT OFF AT ALL WELL WITH DENKTASH. LATTER DID HIS BEST BUT CAME AWAY CONVINCED THAT EHMKE WAS UNWILLING TO CONCEDE THAT TURKS MIGHT ALSO HAVE A POINT OF VIEW. WITH DENKTASH, EHMKE UNCRITICALLY URGED ALL THE STANDARD GREEK FORMULAE: IMPLEMENTATION OF UN RESOLUTIONS, TROOP WITHDRAWAL, GENEROUS TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS, REFUGEE RETURN TO TURKISH-ADMINISTERED AREAS, ETC.

5. IN A CONCLUDING CONVERSATION WITH DE CUELLAR, EHMKE MANAGED TO THOROUGHLY SHOCK WALDHEIM'S SPECREP BY ADVOCATING THAT THE CYPRUS PROBLEM BE ADDRESSED IN AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ATTENDED BY THE USSR, WITH RUSSIA SUBSEQUENTLY JOINING THE WESTERN POWERS AS A GUARANTOR OR SEPARATELY PROVIDING "PARALLEL GUARANTEES." EHMKE TOLD DE CUELLAR HE THOUGHT IMPORTANCE OF TERRITORY HAD BEEN EXAGGERATED; THE KEY LAY IN NUMBER OF REFUGEES WHO WOULD BE ENABLED TO RETURN TO TURKISH-ADMINISTERED AREA. WITH DE CUELLAR, EHMKE OBSERVED, CORRECTLY IN OUR OPINION, THAT NEGOTIATING PROGRESS COULD NOT BE EXPECTED AS LONG AS THE REPRESENTATIVES WERE PAPADOPOULOS AND ONAN.

6. IN MOST OF HIS CONVERSATIONS EHMKE SPOKE OF LONG PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCE WITH SECRETARY-DESIGNATE VANCE AND SAID HE WOULD BE REPORTING HIS "FINDINGS" TO THE SECRETARY-DESIGNATE. IN THE CYPRUS ATMOSPHERE THIS HAS UNDERSTANDABLY LED TO SPECULATION THAT EHMKE WAS IN SOME FASHION AN EMISSARY OF THE NEW US ADMINISTRATION. WHEN ASKED, WE HAVE REPLIED THAT THIS WAS NOT THE CASE AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE.  
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